

REMARKS

Claims 14-20 are pending, which Applicants elect for examination on the merits. The claims are directed to the discovery of a specific binding partner of CD28. The Examiner is asked to designate which of the ten groups of claims correspond to the elected claims 14-20. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute non-elected subject matter in a further patent application.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.


Traversal is based on the lack of a showing that examining claims of Groups I-IX (claims 1-12) would constitute an undue burden. Although the inventions identified by the Examiner are separately patentable, both the need for compact prosecution and the public interest would be served by examination of all claims in a single application.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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